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Socio Economic and Caste Census
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been constituted to review the caste-based figures of the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the caste-based data public in near future,if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c): A combined Socio Economic and Case Census 2011 (SECC-2011) was launched by the Government of India in June 2011. The SECC 2011 was conducted through a comprehensive programmes/schemes involving the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioners, India and State Governments.

Issue of identification of BPL households in rural areas and urban areas come under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) respectively.

Subject of Caste Census in SECC 2011 is under the administrative jurisdiction of Ministry of Home Affairs, Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. Government had directed that the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India (ORGI) to process the caste data and hand over the details of the castes/tribe returned in the enumeration to the proposed Expert Group to be constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to classify these caste/tribe returns. An Expert Group to classify and catagorise the Caste returns has been constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Shri Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman, NITI AAYOG.

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